

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF SALT RIVER ELECTRIC)	
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR A)	
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	
NECESSITY PURSUANT TO KRS 278.020(1))	CASE NO.
AND 807 KAR 5:001, SECTION 9 AND RELATED)	2000-342
SECTIONS, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROPOSED)	
CONSTRUCTION AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL)	
OUTLAY)	

O R D E R

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Salt River") filed its application on August 8, 2000, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct certain improvements and additions to its existing plant at an estimated cost of \$17,337,105. Seventy percent of the total cost of construction will be financed with a loan from the United States of America, Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service. The remaining 30 percent will be borrowed from the National Bank for Cooperatives. Salt River will seek approval of the financing at a later date.¹ In support of its application Salt River filed its 2000-2002 Work Plan which describes in detail the improvements and additions to its plant that are required over the next 3 years to serve its load.

Salt River seeks authorization to construct extensions and additions to its plant as follows:

¹ Per letter from Salt River to the Commission, filed August 8, 2000.

1.	New Distribution Lines	\$ 6,645,690
2.	Line Conversion & Replacement	3,395,644
3.	Misc. Equip. & Poles	6,533,054
4.	Security Lights	345,717
5.	SCADA	<u>417,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$17,337,105

The proposed construction will enable Salt River to continue to provide adequate and dependable electric service to its customers. The system improvements recommended in this Work Plan will not duplicate existing facilities and are needed to correct voltage problems, improve phase balance, and provide for improved service reliability.

Based on the application and supporting 2000-2002 Work Plan, and being advised, the Commission finds that the proposed improvements and additions to be constructed by Salt River are necessary to provide adequate, reliable electric service to existing customers and anticipated new customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Salt River is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the facilities described in its 2000-2002 Work Plan.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of January, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director